Entry of Unauthorised Persons in the Restricted Areas of Airports

2373. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite strict security arrangements at airport in the country, there have been a number of instances where unauthorised persons entered into the aircraft and restricted areas of airport;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases reported during the last one year (till date), with names of the airports; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to review the existing security arrangements to remove the loop holes if any, so as to make the arrangements fool proof to avoid any mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been eight cases of unauthorised entry into the restricted areas during the last one year (From 1-12-84 to 30-11-85) at various airports as under:—

(i) Delhi—3

(ii) Bombay—3

(iii) Calcutta—2

(c) Security measures at airports are constantly reviewed. All entry points into the operational area are guarded by airport security staff, and access of employees to the operational area is restricted with reference to their Photo Identity Cards/ passes, at the entry gate. Airport administration has been asked to provide perimeter wall/fencing of prescribed specification. Perimeter patrolling at the international airports has been strengthened. On-the-job training is imparted to the Airport Police Security personnel to improve their operational efficiency.

Conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj Rail line

2374. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to take up new Railway projects until on-going works are completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj Railway line from narrow gauge to broad gauge and its extension to Modasa is an on-going project since 1978; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to complete this railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Completion of the project would depend upon the overall availability of resources.

Construction of the Calicut Airport

2375. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned/spent so far for the construction of the proposed Calicut Airport;

(b) whether any request/suggestion has been received by Government to construct the Calicut Airport at the internal standard for accommodating large aircraft; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(Rs. in lakhs)

Amount sanctioned . . .	1466·00
Amount spent (upto October, 1985)	587·74